REMARKS

The official action requires election between two allegedly distinct claim Groups. Group I includes claims 13-20 drawn to a method of forming a hole and Group II includes claims 1-12 drawn to a mold and system for forming a hole.

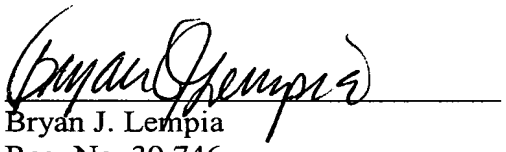
The applicant elects to prosecute claims 1-12 of Group II, *without traverse*. Claims 13-20 have been canceled herein without prejudice. The applicant reserves the right to prosecute method claims 13-20 in a later filed divisional application.

Should the office have any questions regarding this paper, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

CONCLUSION

No fee is believed due at this time. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or to credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 13-2855 of the undersigned's firm.

Respectfully submitted,



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